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HALF MILLION DOLLAR COUN BUILDING TO OPEN SATURDAY

Architect Tells Idea Behind Plan

Goddeyne Writes of Preliminary Studies, Reason Present Design Was Proposed

BY JOSEPH C. GODDEYNE

The plan of the Bay County building as executed today had its beginning in January, 1931. At a session of the county board of supervisors held at that time it was resolved to submit to the electorate a bond issue of \$375,000 which, with the \$165,000 already in the sinking fund would be sufficient to care for the immediate county office requriements plus provision for a second court room and its attendant offices.

Records show that our actual work on the proposed building was started in January, 1931. From then to the following April we made more than 12 complete solutions, the best of which, in our estimation, we presented together with a large perspective

Visited Each Office There tentative plans were preparti as follows: We visited each county office, consulted with the officer in charge and his clerks, carefully measured present quarters observed how the business of each was transacted and noted their deficiencies. We measured sach form required it such affice, the number of different forms, and "The stock required. Suspections of officials regarding size, and possible expansion, or elimination of apace were made, and we discussed features each officer would aske to see in the building.

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in the better courthouses in the
state and elsewhere.
The floor on which each pardicular office was to be located
was then defarmined. In all instances the wisles of each county
officer were strictly abided by. For
example: Judge Houghton desired
to be on the fourth floor, southeast
corner; the drain commissioner on
the sixth floor; the school commissioner immediately approved
his proposed office on the seventh
floor front.
The program so far had resolved
litself into the following districution
of space: The three main offices,
wiz: County clerk's register of
deeds; and county treasurer's were
assigned to the first floor because
by actual count, the number of
citizens doing business in the court
house was by far the greatest for
these three offices.

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Son, Bay City Stone Co.
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Made Convenient On the ground floor just a few feet, below grade, was located the office of the superintendent's of the poor, so that applicants could get in and out with the least amount of embarrassment; and in event supplies were issued to them, applicants could leave via the rear door on the alley side. Offices of the arricultural agent, sealer of

door on the alley side. Offices of the agricultural agent, sealer of weights and measures, road commissioner and coroners were also located on the ground floor. This was so citizens could visit these offices easily.

Because Judge Houghton has requested that his office be on the fourth floor it was imme tately noted that this floor should contain all offices directly connected with the circuit court. This the jury rooms for men and women, offices of the probationer and friend of the court, bar library, offices of the probationer and friend of the court, bar library, court reporter, witnesses, attorneys and press rooms were listed intatively to complete this scheme. The supervisors assembly room was located on the second floor at that the public could easily use this stairs in event this and advision committee rooms, were used. joining committee rooms were used or. Sundays and holidays, when the elevators would not be in use. For the same reason, the historical society, veterans, exhibition, and auditors' rooms were also planned for this floor. Together, they make p a community group offering it-elf to varied use. In the exhibition room school

nr the exhibits, and collections historic value may be placed ere to attract the public. The veterans room will be used the Spanish-American war veterans and auxiliaries, the woms auxiliary of the Legion and the G. A. R.
The historical society rooms, too,

are so planned that they offer to the public a meeting room for a good sized committee.

Few Have Such Features
The supervisors' assembly room can easily care for a crowd of 150 to 200. Few county buildings possess such features, especially on the second floor.
The third floor was assigned to the probate court and sury dormitories.
The fifth floor has only the prosecuting attorney's suite because the main court room rises through this floor in the front part of the court of the public records will be demonstrated to Bay Cityans and others for the first time Saturday and Sunday when the saturday saturday and Sunday saturday satu this floor in the front part of the building:

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A camera-like device, the photostate is to replace much of the work of c.pying by typewriter in the register's and various other county offices.

All mistakes of hand and type-writer recording will thus be

to the building and citizens' committees.

General Contract Held By Bay City Stone Co.

Principal contractors on the new county building, as announced by Joseph C. Goddeyne, architect, fol-

Steel sash. Detroit Steel Products

LIKE 'FEUDAL CASTLE'

CHISELED firmly against the horizon, the new county building towers over sursounding structures as contrastingly as a feudal castle over a mountain, atcp which it is built.

built.

And it takes only slight imagination on a breezy day to form a mind; picture of the inspiring edifice as a feudal

palace.
Atop the spiring walls are ventilators resembling at a distance knights clothed in armor. Caught by the wind, they re-volve and give the aspect of human guards patrolling a parapet against onslaught by a marauding band.

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Lightning protector, Burkett Lightning Rod Co., Fremont, O.
Cork insulation, George Bauml, Bay City.
Radiator enclosures and metal stools, H. P. Springer, Saginaw.
Lockers, Fenske Business Equipment Co., Bay City.

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Frances Fitch Does

Sketches, Screens

(See Picture on Page Nine)

The imposing sculptu 3-relief figures eight feet tall that stand sentinel in the main circuit court-room of the new county building—

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'Of the People, By the People, For the People'



-Photo by Darwin C. Smith.

Here is the Bay county building, an eight story temple of granite, stone, marble and aluminum, ready to receive, at the formal opening Saturday, the taxpayers who made it possible. What a contrast it is, this half million dollar structure, to its two-storied predecessor of plain red brick and

63-year-old vintage. The new building stands on the same site-the northwest corner of Center and Madison avenueswhere the county's first courthouse was erected 66 years ago. The modern edifice which succeeded it was 18 months in the building. The cornerstone was laid April 13, 1933.

BAY CITYAN DOES

Lockers, Fenske Business Equipment Co., Bay City.

Steel safe. Schwab Safe Co., Lafayette, Ind.
Lathing and plastering, Georgt Bauml, Bay City.
Carpenter work, Bay Stone Co.
Cabinet work, Westover-Kamm Co.
Hardware, Bay City Hardware Co.
Roofing and sheet metal work.
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Lockers, Fenske Business Equipment of the new county building—
solemn in their dignity and showing no surprise at the celling colors of green, Burgundy, and rose—
of green, Burgund

Ultra Modern Clocks Lend Attractive Touch To Rooms

There are "more-than-modern" clicks in the main circuit court-room and judge's chambers of the new county building. Effective against the inlaid walnut and mahogany that make the walls memorable, the clocks are severely rimple—consisting only of bronze hands that point toward small square blocks, also of bronze that mark the hours without designating them by number. ing them by number.

BAY ARTIST'S WORK ADORNS BUILDING

of Frances Fitch's art contributions to the new county building. The five floor screens, for which she stretched 85 yards of canvas

and even hammered the hinges, have left few idle moments for the Bay City artist—as have the 30 maps of Bay county and Michigan that she is mounting and coloring.

ery than the average woman, but armoured by keen observation and fleet fingers Frances sought fac-tory, fishery, and coal mine for first-hand glimpses of industrial operations that she sketched quick-

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She climbed a fence, at 7 one
morning, to draw the Industrial
Brownhoist sketch—and was by
no means abashed when a watch—
man ordered her to "move along—
and take that junk with you." She
perched on a farmer's warot, to
record her impressions of an
early morning market-scene. Another expedition took her to the
Chevrolet factory, where she chose
an "upsetting machine" in operation, as her subject, and punningly comments on the noise as "most
upsetting!"

The drawings also depict a sliceway crammed with sugar beets, a

way crammed with sugar beets, a grain elevator in Salzburg, a nearby, coal mine, boats docked at an Essexville fishery, and the Aetna Portland Cement Co. plant which she sketched so well two years ago that the contract for the courthouse

drawings was awarded her on the contract for the courthouse drawings was awarded her on the merits of that drawing alone.

From a book on Bay county history that she discovered at Sage library, the artist borrowed inspiration for the first Bay City sawmill, with salt blocks standing

nearby, and the Wheeler shipyard that are also depicted in her sketches. The screens she designed for the woman jurors' dormitory combine four sections, stepped in height, and measuring more than seven feet at their tallest. Their canvas foundation is covered with flat cream paint and ornamented by green, in interesting modern motif that is geometrical in line. Their binding is dark green leather.

The ccunty maps that she is mounting are colored with conticrayon and sprayed in hues to Seven faultors also were named

Triangular rugs, the shape of a quartered circle have been made nue, is the elevator operator. for the reception room in th judge's chambers of the new county building. Geometric in pattern, and combining henna, red, tan, and black, they'd make any corner

The oblong rug that centers the room uses rust and tan, in cleverly placed blocks, with strines of orange and black in diagonal corn-

C. S. SHARPE HEADS

Engineer, Three Firemen. Seven Janitors Hired

The staff whose job it is to keep the new Bay County building ship-shape is headed by Carl S. Sharpe, custodian, Mr. Sharpe, who retired from the county board The screens she designed for the of auditors to be appointed cus-

mounting are colored with conticrayon and sprayed in hues to
match the rooms; the Michigan
maps are mounted on gypsum,
shellacked, and bound with linen.

Odd-Shaped Rugs Laid In
Judge's Reception Room

Judge's Reception son avenue. Chrales Fox, 1114 McKinley ave-

405 Venetian Blinds, In

Colors, On New Building The Venetian blinds in the new county building are of the very

latest rack and pinion type. Throughout the ground floor, up the Madison avenue entrance and windows back of the elevator shaft, and on the eighth floor, the color is aluminum, in the Clinic snow white, elsewhere peach color. There are 405 blinds in the build-

Justices of High Court To Attend

Supervisors, Auditors To Be Guests At Luncheon; Program Begins At 2:30 P. M.

A program as comprehensive as this temple of government is modern is expected by officials to attract thousands of

Guests will include justices of Michigan's supreme court, federal jurists, circuit court judges of nearby counties, and

Every nook and cranny of the eight-story building will be open for inspection from basement to penthouse, and here may be seen much of the dignity, color, and comfort of this new age of construction.

During the program of the opening there will ring through the magnificently paneled assem-

> Preceding the formal opening the county board of supervisors, the county board of auditors, and

Work Shown General specifications for the new Bay County building as pre-

Division of County Building

roofing and sheet metal, marole work, tile work, terrazzo work, glass and glazing, and painting and wood finishing.

Architect's Mother Proud Of Son's Work

Followed Construction of County Building Closely, Despite Advanced Age

W HEN the Bay County building was going skyward floor by floor, no one watched its progress with more interest than Mrs. Nora Goddeyne, mother of Architect Joseph C. Goddeyne.

While laborers were working at ground-level, Mrs. Goddeyne, almost 80 years old, looked on eagerly, chatting as she strolled from one group to the next. Since then the necessity of climbing has barred necessity of climbing has barred her from exploring the interior— but she's not gone motoring once this year without asking that a glimpse of the county building be on the itinerary. And this week, with elevators eliminating the task of climbing steps, she'll survey the House That Bay County Built

from entrance to penthouse. Her son's grandfather, the late Charles Goddeyne, did mason work on the first courthouse, many decades ago-but Mrs. Goddeyne is far more interested in the present than the past.
"It's not what grandfathers and grandmothers did that matters," says she briskly. "It's what's being accomplished today. That's why I'm proud—quite proud — if this building's both practical and

Permanent Set of Flags **Bought For New Building**

A permanent set of exterior dec-orations for holidays are part of the new county building's equip-ment. The set includes long ban-ners on the front and side pilas-ters, pull downs and decorative fan draperies, also eight large flags for the aluminum poles in the front plaza, and an extra large flag for the roof pole, besides several silk the roof pole, besides severa flags for interior decorations.

World Globe In Courtroom Reminder of Lost Freedom

See Court Photo on Page Seven Many a defendant baving prison sentence passed his way in the main ci uit courtroom is apt to be main ci uit courtroom is apt to be besieged by wanderlust when he glances toward the great globe of the world that stands near the judge's pench, on a tall American walnut bedestal that rises pyramid-fashion from a square base. The globe-complete even to the signs of the godiac on an encircing band of steel—is rated a spetial bargain for it cost but \$25, though it carried a \$95 price-tag when Joseph C. Goddeyne, architect, first spied it.

The half million dollar Bay County building will be formally opened to and by the public at 2:30 p. m. Saturday.

bly rooms and the Italian Travertine corridors addresses dealing with the multiple phases of the project. A public address system is being set up so that all may hear the speakers.

certain other officials will be guests of the Bay County Bar association at a luncheon at the Wenonah hotel. This will get under way at 1 p. m. Sit At Head Table

new Bay County building as prepared by Joseph C. Goddeyne,
architect, were divided into 36
sub-contracts as follows:

Wrecking, mason work, granite,
cut limestone, setting cut stone,
structural steel work, mis. allaneous
iron and steel, and priminental
metal work

Specialties included chimney
construction and cellings, arranged to attend
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the bar association.

The program of the opening, including 15 speakers, will last about two hours, a time limit being placed on each speaker.

One of the feature addresses will be that of Justice Fead on, "The National Constitution." He is scheduled to begin speaking at 4 p. m., after being introduced by Justice Sharpe.

The program will be opened by Judge Houghton whose long and active campaign for a modern county building largely resulted in the erection of the structure that stands

at the northwest corner of Center and Madison avenues today. To Give Invocation The invocation will be given by the Rev. Harold McCausland. Fol-lowing him, the Rev. Fr. Leo R. Toohey will say the "Prayer for wisdom and justice always in this

wisdom and justice always in this temple of justice."

A general description of the building will be given by Joseph C. Goddeyne, srchitect, Mayor J. Harry Nelson, chairman of the building

HIGHLIGHTS KEYED

HIGHLIGHTS of this special edition of The Bay City Daily Times in connection with the formal opening of the new Bay County building

are:
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committee, contractors, architect, and motto.

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Page 8—Night-time picture of floodlighted exterior of building.

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Page 11—Picture of county clerk's office.

committee, will be introduced by Charles Sass, Pinconning, chairman of the board of supervisors. "The Early History of Bay County" will be the subject of the address to be given by George E. Butterfield, president of the Bay County Historical society, and dean of Bay City Junior college.

Then will come remarks by President Gaffney, of the bar association; Mayor John Fotheringham, Pinconning, on "Municipalities in Bay County"; Dudley J. Kavanagh, judge of probate, on "The Probate Court and County Officials"; George L. Lusk, city manager, on "Signification of Dedication"; and Otto R. Garber, president of the village of Essexville, on "Courthouse Financing". The benediction will be given by the Rev. W. C. Donald.

City Commission Accepts Invitation To Opening

The city commission last night accepted the invitation of Circuit chairman, to attend in a body the formal opening of the new county building Saturday afternoon.